THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The World Bank had submitted a report in November, 1989 entitled "Power Sector Efficiency Review", wherein several suggestions were made for improvement in the power situation. The main recommendations of the Banks covered restructuring of the State Electricity Boards, the Regional Electricity Boards and the Central Electricity Authority, improvement in system operating practices and the coal quality etc. In 1990 and 1991 the Bank undertook a comprehensive study on "Long Term Issues in the Power Sector". The Bank's report is awaited.

Electronic Exchange in Bareilly.

473. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister in COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 522 on April 19, 1990 and state:

(a) the reasons for not commissioning Electronic Exchange at Bareilly; and

(b) the time by which it is likely to be Commissioned?

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). A 4000 line electronic exchange (Remote Line Unit) along with 1000 line digital trunk automatic exchange (E 10 B) has been allotted to Bareilly. It is proposed to commission this electronic exchange at Bareilly during 1993-94. There has not been any change in the commissioning programme. This electronic exchange did not form part of the 50000 lines commissioning programme (actual commissioning 58170 (Net) lines) of 1990-91. Only a 300 line expansion of electromechanical exchange was planned against which 1200 lines were commissioned on 9.3.1991.

[*Translation*]

S.T.D. Facility at Haldwani/Bajpur

474. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had granted approval to provide S.T.D. facility at Haldwani and Bajpur;

(b) if so, whether this facility has since been provided to the residents of these areas;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which this facility is proposed to be provided?

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Due to the non automatisation of Haldwani exchange and also non availability of transmission media for Bajpur.

(d) By March, 1993.

Electronic Exchanges in Bihar

475. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of electronic exchanges in Bihar and the district-wise names of the system to whom these exchanges are attached;

(b) the number of telephone exchanges